

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and a clerical error of the specification has been corrected.

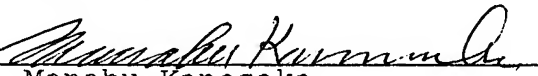
On page 2 of the Action, claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukakoshi, Wakabayashi, Kawamura et al., and Nakata. On page 3 of the Action, claims 2-6 were objected to, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the rejections and indication of allowability, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to change dependency.

With the amendment, the application is believed to be in condition of allowance as indicated in the Action.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

HAUPTMAN KANESAKA BERNER
PATENT AGENTS, LLP

by 
Manabu Kanesaka
Reg. No. 31,467
Agent for Applicants

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 519-9785